Separate fund for States performing well

1075. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are setting up a separate fund for the States that perform well;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are also categorizing the States based upon their performances;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the role of Planning Commission in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) There is no proposal at present for setting up a seaprate fund for States that perform well.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e) Governments do not categorize the States based upon their performance. However, performance is taken into account by assigning a weight of 7.5% in the Gadgil-Mukherjee formula for allocation of Central Assistance for State Plans. Of this, 2.5% is for Tax efforts, 2% for Fiscal management and 3% for Performance in achievement of National objectives.

Schemes launched by Government

†1076. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new schemes that have been launched upto 31st January, 2006 by the United Progressive Alliance Government after assuming power, Ministry-wise;

(b) the number of schemes launched by previous Governments that have been annulled and which schemes have been revised during this duration;

(c) which of the schemes out of the new and old ones are not being taken as appropriation to the time; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of the schemes launched by the previous NDA Government and those found not appropriate with time, Ministry-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The details of new schemes launched by the United Progressive Alliance Government after assuming power in a particular financial year are available in the 'Statement showing details of New Service/New Instrument of Service' for that year published in the Demands for Grants of Central Government presented alongwith the Union Budget and also in detailed Demands for Grants of the concerned Ministry/Department.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected.

Calorie intake by rural population

1077. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of rural population, having less than 1800 calorie food intake per day, during the period 2002-05 year-wise; and

(b) the estimated population of 'Official Poor' and 'Actual Poor' in rural India during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) The Planning Commission estimates poverty at national and state level from the large sample survey of Household Consumer Expenditure conducted by the NSSO at an interval of approximately 5 years. From the latest available date of such survey (NSS 55th Round 1999-2000) it is observed that the percentage of the rural population having less than 1800 calorie food intake per day during the year 1999-2000 is 20.2%. Similar data for the period 2002-05 is not available.

(b) According to Official Methodology which is based on the Report of the Expert Group on 'Estimation of Proportion and Number of Poor' (Lakdawala Committee), Planning Commission estimated the incidence of poverty from the latest available data of large Sample Survey (55th Round of NSS, 1999-2000) as 1932.43 lakh persons living below poverty line in rural areas during 1999-2000. The Planning Commission is not aware of any definition of 'Actual Poor' other than the official definition.